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CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for
examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims
previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is
attached.

4. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 which the molar ratio of
alkene to carboxylic acid produced in the oxidation reaction zone is in the range

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